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**SENATOR GREGG HONORED BY NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AT DEDICATION OF TRAINING FACILITY**  
*Senator recognized for providing federal assistance for modern facility*

NASHUA, N.H. -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) was honored today by Nashua Police Chief Don Gross and Mayor Bernie Streeter, who dedicated the Nashua Police Department's new firing range facility in his name. The range will be used by law enforcement officials from Nashua, surrounding communities (Amherst, Hudson, Hollis, Merrimack, Litchfield, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff) and other federal agencies to provide advanced weapons training in a variety of situations. Through his position as the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice, Senator Gregg was able to secure \$320,000 in federal funding for the upgrades. Law enforcement personnel will now be able to train and respond to situations involving moving and multiple targets, night or low-light environments, and situations in residential areas.

Senator Gregg stated, "We all know the inherent dangers that police officers face everyday and the split-second decisions they often face. Their lives are at risk to protect us, and we must do all we can to ensure they have the training and experience needed to carry out their missions. This new range will provide state of the art training and give the law enforcement community in Nashua and in surrounding communities the advanced training they deserve. Chief Gross, Mayor Streeter and the entire Nashua Police Department have placed an enormous emphasis on providing their officers with the best training facilities possible, and this facility exemplifies the deep commitment the City has made to protect its residents. I am honored by this dedication and I would like to thank Chief Gross and the men and women of the Nashua Police Department for their tremendous work in keeping Nashua safe for its citizens."

Nashua Police Department Chief Donald Gross stated, "The Nashua Police Department officers, the Chief, and the Police Commission extend a sincere thank you to Senator Gregg for bringing our firearms into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Senator Gregg responded immediately to our request for assistance in developing a modern, high-tech response to firearms training for our agency as well as other state, local, and federal agencies involved in cooperative training here in Nashua. We have always had an excellent relationship with Senator Gregg. He is dedicated to public safety and clearly recognizes the need for good, well-trained law enforcement officers. Senator Gregg quickly responds to our needs by providing funds for three significant changes to our firearms training program: a completely renovated, fully automated range; a CAPS firearms simulator for that range; and the AIS Prism firearms simulator which is being used in our newly acquired facility. This new facility was located and acquired with the help and support of our Mayor, Bernie Streeter. The funding for this project brought hundreds of thousands of federal dollars back to our community."

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